

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Protective tube (1) comprising a plurality of threads (2) which are braided, knit-braided, or knitted to one another, characterised in that the ~~length~~ thickness of the cross section of the threads (2) along a first axis is substantially greater than the ~~length~~ thickness of said cross section along a second axis which is perpendicular to the first.
2. (currently amended) Tube (1) according to claim 1, characterised in that the ~~length~~ thickness of the cross section of the first axis is at least 1.5 times greater than the ~~length~~ thickness of said cross section of the second axis which is perpendicular to the first.
3. (original) Tube (1) according to claims 1 or 2, characterised in that said threads (2) are made from a polymeric material.
4. (original) Tube (1) according to claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polyamide.
5. (original) Tube (1) according to claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polyester.
6. (original) Tube (1) according to claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polypropylene.
7. (original) Tube (1) according to claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polyethylene.

8. (currently amended) Tube (1) according to claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is ~~phenyl-~~phenylene polysulphide.